



Patent  
Attorney Docket No. 101.0077-00000  
Customer No. 22882

#20  
Response  
J. Byrce  
11/20/03

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
Gary K. Michelson, M.D. )  
Serial No.: 09/553,573 ) Confirmation No. 3776  
Filed: April 19, 2000 )  
For: ARTIFICIAL HEMI-LUMBAR ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT ) Examiner: B. Snow  
HAVING AN ASYMMETRICAL )  
LEADING END AND METHOD )  
FOR INSTALLATION THEREOF )

RECEIVED

NOV 17 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated October 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and two annotated sheets showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including one drawing replacement sheet, and two drawing annotated sheets showing changes to Figs. 5A, 5B, 5C, and 10 in red, and a copy of page 17 from Applicant's Amendment dated July 24, 2003 (Exhibit A) is attached following page 4 of this paper.



3738

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 101.0077-00000  
Customer No. 22882

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
Gary K. Michelson, M.D. )  
Serial No.: 09/553,573 ) Confirmation No. 3776  
Filed: April 19, 2000 )  
For: ARTIFICIAL HEMI-LUMBAR ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
INTERBODY SPINAL IMPLANT ) Examiner: B. Snow  
HAVING AN ASYMMETRICAL )  
LEADING END AND METHOD )  
FOR INSTALLATION THEREOF )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RECEIVED  
NOV 17 2003  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Date of Deposit: November 6, 2003

I hereby certify that:

1. Transmittal Form (in duplicate)
2. Amendment with attached Exhibit A, 1 replacement sheet of drawings, and 2 annotated sheets of drawings showing changes
3. Self-addressed return postcard receipt

are being deposited with the United States Postal Service to Addressee with sufficient postage as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 on the date indicated above and are addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: November 6, 2003

  
Sandra L. Blackmon

1557 Lake O'Pines Street, NE  
Hartville, Ohio 44632  
Telephone: 330-877-0700  
Facsimile: 330-877-2030



FORM PTO-1083

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 101.0077-00000  
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gary K. Michelson

Serial No: 09/553,573

Filed: April 19, 2000

For: ARTIFICIAL HEMI-LUMBAR INTERBODY  
SPINAL IMPLANT HAVING AN  
ASYMMETRICAL LEADING END AND  
METHOD FOR INSTALLATION THEREOF

Confirmation No.: 3776

Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: B. Snow

RECEIVED

NOV 17 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Communication dated October 17, 2003 in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Applicant hereby requests a \*\*\*-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.
- ☐ A fee in the amount of \$\*\*\* to cover the \*\*\*-month extension of time is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1066.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1066. **A copy of this sheet is enclosed.**
  - ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims
  - ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17

Respectfully submitted,  
MARTIN & FERRARO, LLP

Date: November 6, 2003

By: Thomas H. Martin  
Thomas H. Martin  
Registration No. 34,383

1557 Lake O'Pines Street, NE  
Hartville, Ohio 44632  
Telephone: 330-877-0700  
Facsimile: 330-877-2030